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SUBJECT: PUERTO RICO IN COMMITTEE OF 24

1. AMB BENNETT CALLED ON COMMITTEE OF 24 CHAIRMAN SALIM FEB 5, PRIOR TO RESUMPTION OF COMMITTEE SESSIONS THIS YEAR, TO REITERATE US OPPOSITION TO CONTINUED COMMITTEE INVOLVEMENT IN PUERTO RICO ISSUE. BENNETT NOTED THAT APART FROM OUR LEGAL CASE BASED ON PAST UN ACTION, WE BELIEVED THAT INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS BY CUBANS AND OTHERS IN UN ABOUT US "IMPERIALISM" IN PURTO RICO CONTRIBUTED TO US PUBLIC'S INCREASING DISILLUSIONMENT WITH UN. BENNETT URGED SALIM TO DO HIS BEST TO DOWNPLAY ISSUE, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF NEW CUBAN MEMBERSHIP ON COMMITTEE.

2. SALIM SAID THAT HE HAD DONE HIS BEST IN 1974 TO BURY ISSUE AND THAT COMMITTEE, THEREFORE, HAD MADE NO FORMAL RECOMMENDATION EXCEPT TO AGREE TO GIVE PUERTO RICAN QUESTION "PRIORITY" DURING 1975. SALIM UNAWARE WHETHER CUBANS PLAN TO PRESS FOR EARLY COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF PUERTO RICO THIS YEAR. (FYI: AUSTRALIAN VICE CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE TELLS US CUBANS HAVE SO FAR AVOIDED ALL MENTION OF PUERTO RICO IN INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ON COMMITTEE'S WORK SCHEDULE. END FYI) SALIM PERSONALLY PREFERS AGAIN TO PUT OFF DISCUSSION IN COMMITTEE, AT LEAST UNTIL JULY OR AUGUST BY WHICH TIME "MORE IMPORTANT" WORK OF COMMITTEE WILL HAVE BEEN COMPLETED.

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3. SALIM SAID HE HAD TRIED THROUGH THE YEARS TO HANDLE PUERTO RICAN ISSUE FAIRLY IN SPITE OF GREAT PRESSURE FROM CUBANS AND PUERTO RICAN INDEPENDENTISTAS AS WELL AS FROM US. SALIM ADMITTED THAT INDEPENDENTISTAS UNABLE TO WIN ELECTION IN PUERTO RICO AND THAT MAJORITY OF PUERTO RICANS NOT NOW INTERESTED IN INDEPENDENCE. SALIM SAID HOWEVER THAT MANY MEMBERS OF UN UNAWARE OF ACTUAL CONDITIONS IN PUERTO RICO AND DO NOT FEEL BOUND BY 1953 RESOLUTION REMOVING PUERTO RICO FROM LIST OF NON-SELF GOVERNING TERRITORIES SINCE THEY WERE NOT IN UN AT THE TIME. ACCORDING TO SALIM, THEREFORE, TO REMOVE ISSUE DEFINITELY FROM UN CONTEXT, US SHOULD INVITE "UN TEAM" TO PUERTO RICO IN ORDER TO OBSERVE ELECTION AND THEN RECOMMEND IN ITS REPORT THAT PUERTO RICO BE CONSIDERED "SELFGOVERNING". HE HINTED THAT WITHOUT SUCH A RECOMMENDATION COMMITTEE OF 24 WILL BE UNABLE TO REMOVE PROBLEM FROM ITS AGENDA.

4. WHEN ASKED BY SALIM FOR CURRENT US POSITION ON INVITING COMMITTEE TO US TERRITORIES SUCH AS GUAM AND VIRGIN ISLANDS, AMB BENNETT SAID THAT QUESTION OF VISITING MISSION STILL "UNDER ACTIVE STUDY" IN WASHINGTON BUT THAT, "SPEAKING FRANKLY, HE DID NOT EXPECT FAVORABLE REPLY FROM USG SO LONG AS PUERTO RICO REMAINS ACTIVE ISSUE IN COMMITTEE.
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